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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 5, 1977

1. U.S. COVERAGE: LIGHT TODAY AS EXTENSIVE REPORTAGE OF
MOSCOW RALLY FOR CORVALAN CUTS INTO OTHER INTERNATIONAL

COVERAGE, INCLUDING U.S. TODAY'S MESSAGE FOR U.S. SEEMS TO BE THAT NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS PROMISES TO KEEP AND THAT IN SALT, AT LEAST, BASIC ELEMENTS FOR SUCCESS ARE PRESENT.

--PRAVDA AND IZVENTIYA REPORT ON PRESIDENT FORD'S INTERVIEW WITH WEEKLY USNWR IN WHICH FORD REPORTEDLY STRESSED NOW CLOSE SALT TWO AGREEMENT WAS, TOUTED VLADIVOSTOK ACCORDS AS SOUND BASIS FOR AGREEMENT, AND INDICATED THAT FAILURE TO QREE BY OCT 3 WOULD BE "FRAUGHT WITH SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES."

--REINFORCING POLITE PRESSURE ON INCOMING ADMINISTRATION IS LONG SCENE-SETTER FOR NEW YEAR AND NEW ADMINISTRATION IN PRAVDA BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT G. VASIL'YEV. USING MAN-IN-STREET COMMENTS VASIL'YEV MAKES POINT THAT CARTER HAS MADE PROMISES TO AMERICAN PEOPLE TO TAKE NEW STEPS TO DEVELOP MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATIONZ BETWEEN USSR AND U.S. AND THAT "WE (AMERICAN PEOPLE) WYLL BE WATCHING HOW THEY (NEW ADMINISTRATION) WILL FULFILL" THOSE PROMISES.

--MEANWHILE, PRESIDENT FORD CONTINUES TO GET SNIPER FIRE, THIS TIME FROM IZVESTIYA. A. GRIGOR'YANTS WRITES MEAN-TEMPERED ARTICLE ON "MYTH OF THE SOVIET THREAT" IN WHICH HE TAKES PRESIDENT PERSONALLY TOSZASK FOR ALLYING HIMSELF WITH MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX TO INCREASE DEFWNSE EXPENDITURES AND PUSH NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS WHILE CUTTING BACK SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS. ACCOMPANYING ITEM FROM IZVESTIYA'S PRESS SERVICE REPORTS FORD'S PROPOSJL THAT CONGRESS INITIATE PROCESS TO MAKE PUERTO RICO NEW STATE AND USES U.S. PRESS CITATIONS TO SUPPORT CONTENTION THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ST MAJORITY OF PUERTO RICANS OPPOSE IDEA. CARTER GETS FAVORABLE MENTION FOR RECOMMENDING THAT CONGRESS LEAVE FIRST STEP TO PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE.

--LITGAZ GETS IN ITS LICKS WITH ARTICLE AND CARTOON ON GROWING CRIME PROBLEM IN US UARTOON PORTRAYING "AUTHENTIC" SANTA CLAUS ROBBING BANK, MATCHED WITH STORY REPLAYING STATISTICS ON CRIME RISE FROM NYT MAGAZINE ARTICLE AND CITING GROWING POLICE FORCES NEEDED TO COPE WITH PROBLEM OF SECURITY FOR CITIZENRY.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

--ZF CSCE, FEAR OF BELGRADE PEEPS THROUGH IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY ON KADAR VISIT TO AUSEJIA BY B. RODIONOV, ALONG WITH HUNGARY'S CSCE STALKING-HORSE ROLE. ACTIVIZATION OF HUNGARIAN FOREIGN POLICY IN 1976 RAISED ITS "AUTHORITY," RODIONOV WRITES, AS "SOCIALIST STATE, MEMBER OF SOCIALIST COMMUNITY," AND, "COORDINATING ITS FOREIGN POLICY STRATEGY AND TACTICS WITH OTHER SOCIALIST COMMUNITY COUNTRIES,"

HUNGARY IS NOW CONTRIBUTING TO PREPARATION OF BELGRADE MEETING.

BELGRADE SHOULD NOT BE "'COMPLAINTS DAY,' ARENA FOR MUTUAL REPROACHES AND ACCUSATIONS." CONCLUSION TWISTS BLESSING FOR DYNAMIC EAST-WEST TRADE DEVELOPMENT (GIVEN HUNGARIAN DEPENDENCE ON EWT) INTO PLUG FOR ALL-EUROPEAN BGLUTION OF TRANSPORT, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT QUESTIONS, I.E., BREZHNEV CONFERENCES.

--"INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY" COLUMN BY V. BOR AOV

IN IZVESTIYA DESCRIBES DIFFICULTIES IN PATH OF IFORMALIZATION OF LEBANESE INTERNAL SITUATION. AMONG THESE IS ISRAELI PROVOCATION IN SOUTHERN LEBONON WITH GOAL, "ACCORDING TO POLITICAL OBSERVERS," OF CREATING A BUFFER STATE THERE. THE PROGRESSIVE ARAB PRESS, SAYS BORISOV, WHILE POINTING OUT "POSITSE ROLE" OF ARAB SECURITY FORCE, NOTES, NONE-THELESS, THAT "SOME" OF ITS ACTIONS TUSE ALARM IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEBANESE PUBLIC

OPINION. CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES TASS

CEIRUT REPORT OF EXPLOSION IN EASTERN SECTION OF BEIRUT. ARTICLE NOTES MEETING BETWEEN LEBANESE PM AL-HUSS AND ARAFAT DURING WHICH, ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER AL-AMAL, QUESTION OF TRANSFER OF PALESTINIAN HEAVY WEAPONS TO ARAB SECURITY FORCES WAS DISCUSSED.

--PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY ANDREY KLIMOV DESCRIBES FAILURE OF GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA TO MEET NEFARIOUS GOALS OF RACISTS, ET AL, DUE TO ZIMBABWE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAVING SEIZED INITIATIVE FROM BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATIONS.

--IZVESTIYA CARRIES TASS KAMPALA REPORT ON IDI AMIN STATEMENT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION. AMIN REPORTEDLY ACCUSED U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES OF "ACTIVELY SUPPORTING AND ARMING" REGIMES IN PRETORIA AND SALISBURG.

--LA NEWSIS DOMINAGED BY LENGTHY COVERAGE IN PRAVDA (EDITED A BIT IN KZ) ON MOSCOW RALLY ADDRESSED BY LUIS CORVALAN AND POLITBURO MEMBER KIRILENKO. CPSUA CHAIRMAN HENRY WINSTON ATTEQDED AS DID NUMBER OF OTHER SOVIET AND FOREIGN PARTY BIGWIGS (SEPTTEL).

--IZVESTIYA HAS TASS PARIS ARTICLE BASED ON NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR INTERVIEW WITH FORMER CHILEAN POLITICAL PRISONER ALFREDO ZHUANYAN (PHONETIC) WHO REPORTEDLY ACCUSED AMERICANS OF BEING AMONG THOSE "EXPERTS" WHO TAUGHT TORTURE TECHNIQUES TO MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES IN CHILE. ZHUANYAN REPORTEDLY SAW ONE ELECTRIC SHOCK MACHINE WITH "MADE IN USA" LABEL ON IT.

---PRAVDA SPECIAL CORRSSPONDENT I. SHCHEDROV WRITES FROM BANGKOK ON RECENT AMNESTY WHICH HE SAYS STILL

LEAVES THOUSANDS IN PRISON INCLUDING THOSE ACCUSED OF
"PRO-COMMUNIST ACTIVELY."
--LITGAZ CITES BRITISH PRESS FOR A ROUNDUP OF
COMMENTARY ON ARMED BANDITRY AND DIVERSIONARY ACTS CARRIED
OUT IN CHINA UNDER GROUP OF FOUR.
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